Admission Guidelines:
Bachelor Degree Completion Programs

In order to be considered for admission to a Bachelor Degree Completion Program (e.g., Public Sector Management, Liberal Studies), an applicant must be considered an “upper-division transfer student.”

Applicants who have completed 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units of college coursework are considered upper-division transfer students. Transferable courses are those designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses and accepted as such by the campus to which the applicant seeks admission. Most commonly, college level credits earned from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting agency are accepted for transfer to campuses of the CSU.

Generally, applicants will qualify for consideration for upper-division transfer admission if they meet all of the following requirements. Applicants who do not meet these requirements may be denied admission:

1. They have completed at least *60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units of college coursework with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher, and a grade of C or better in each course used to meet the CSU General Education Basic Skills requirement, consisting of 3 units each in the areas of: 1) written communication, 2) oral communication, 3) critical thinking, and 4) mathematics/quantitative reasoning;

2. They have a grade point average of at least 2.0 in all transferable units attempted; and

3. They are in good standing at the last college or university attended.

*The 60 transferable semester (90 quarter) units should include approximately 48 semester (72 quarter) units of courses which meet CSUN's General Education requirements listed below. Applicants may be permitted to complete some of these General Education units (except the Basic Skills requirements) at another approved regionally accredited institution while also enrolled in a Bachelor Degree Completion Program at CSUN:

Analytical Reading and Expository Writing (3 Units)  Basic Skills Requirement
Critical Thinking (3 Units)  Basic Skills Requirement
Mathematics (3 Units)  Basic Skills Requirement
Oral Communication (3 Units)  Basic Skills Requirement
Natural Sciences Lecture (6 Units – 2 Lectures)
Natural Sciences Lab (2 Units – 2 labs)
Arts and Humanities (6 Units)
Social Sciences (6 Units)
Lifelong Learning (3 Units)
Comparative Cultural Studies (6 Units)
TITLE V (1) American History (1 Course)
TITLE V (2) Constitution of the U.S. (1 Course)
TITLE V (3) State and Local Government (1 Course)
Basic Skills Information Competencies (1 Course)
Subject Exploration Information Competencies (1 Course)
Students may be permitted to transfer no more than 70 semester (105 quarter) units to a CSU campus from an institution which does not offer bachelor’s degrees or their equivalents, for example, community colleges. Given CSUN’s 30 semester (45 quarter) unit residency requirement, no more than a total of 90 semester (135 quarter) units may be transferred into the university from all sources.

**Applicants who completed coursework at institutions outside of California** should consult with their institution’s transfer counselor and/or review and compare [CSUN’s General Education requirements](#) to their completed coursework to determine if it appears that the requirements have been met for upper-division transfer admission.

**Applicants who completed coursework at California community colleges** are strongly urged to complete a *GE Certification Plan and/or consult with their college transfer counselor regarding meeting the admission requirements for upper-division transfer admission.

“Certification” is the official notification from a California community college or authorized institution that a transfer student has completed courses fulfilling lower-division General Education requirements. California community colleges and other authorized certifying institutions can certify up to 39 semester (58.5 quarter) units of GE-Breadth for transfer students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements prior to transfer.

The CSU General Education-Breadth (GE-Breadth) certification course lists for California community colleges (or other regionally accredited institutions) can be accessed at [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org).

If you have completed courses, are currently taking courses, or plan to take courses at a California community college, you can verify if your General Education coursework is transferable by using the this website.

**GO TO** [WWW.ASSIST.ORG](http://WWW.ASSIST.ORG)

Select “California State University, Northridge” from the *Explore Transfer Information* drop-down menu:

[Assist website](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html)

*Welcome to ASSIST*

ASSIST is an online student-transfer information system that shows how course credits earned at one public California college is the official repository of articulation for California’s public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information on articulation agreements. There are two ways to look up information in ASSIST:

**Explore Transfer Information**

If you have already chosen a major or know what kind of information you want to see, select the transfer information you want to institution you are transferring from or to.

[Click here to select an institution](http://www.assist.org/web-assist/welcome.html)

A new page will appear where you can select further options.
Select the institution where you have earned credits from the Agreements with Other Campuses drop-down menu:

Once you select your institution, the links under Community College Courses Applicable for Transfer will be activated. In the following example, Antelope Valley College is selected as the community college.

Click on the CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses link:

Once you click on the CSU GE-Breadth Certification Courses link, two drop-down menus will appear.
Use the second drop-down menu; Select a CSU GE-Breadth Area.

Select "All Areas" to view/print the report.

The report will show you all GE requirements that must be completed before applying to a Bachelor Completion Program, along with which courses from your transferring institution will satisfy each requirement.